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FOR CRAIG G DUNKERELY, EA/J, FROM BROWN

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FAMILY OF LE HUU TRINH

1. HAVE RECEIVED LETTER DATE APRIL 15 FROM MRS HANG LE CASTLETON, 5901 NEWMAN COURT (#25), SACRAMENTO, CAL. 95819. SHE IS NIECE OF LE HUU TRINH AND TRANSMITS TRINH'S URGENT PLEA FOR HELP EVACUATION HIS AND MRS CASTLETON'S FAMILY FROM VIETNAM. TRINH RECOGNIZES FAMILIES MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR EVACUATION UNDER USG PLAN NOW CONTEMPLATED, GIVEN FACT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN EMPLOYEES OF USG, BUT PLEADS OUR ASSISTANCE ON BASIS OF HIS CLOSE TIES WITH AMERICAN PRESENCE. ACCORDING TO MRS CASTLETON, TRINH HAS ENTRY VISA FOR CANADA BUT FINDS IT IMPOSSIBLE ARRANGE EITHER GVN EXIT PERMIT OR TRANSPORTATION.

2. AS YOU RECALL, TRINH WAS OWNER SOVITA AND QUANG LOI IMPORT COMPANY, PRESIDENT CENTRAL BANK OF VIETNAM, INVOLVED IN OTHER MRI BUSINESSES, VICE PRESIDENT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, PRESIDENT ROTARY CLUB. TRINH FLED DANANG AT LAST MOMENT AND NOW RESIDES AT 5/204 NGUYEN SIEU, SAIGON ONE, WITH WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN AGES 20 AND 25. MRS CASTLETON'S FAMILY, ALSO AT THAT ADDRESS, CONSISTS OF FATHER LE HANH, WIFE AND FIVE CHILDREN AGES 15 TO 26, ALL STUDENTS.

3. MRS CASTLETON'S HUSBAND IS AMCIT. SHE APPLIED FOR IMMIGRANT STATUS IN 1974 AND HAS TWO YEARS WAIT BEFORE ELIGIBLE, THEREFORE CANNOT PETITION FOR FAMILY EVEN IF CIRCUMSTANCES PERMITTED

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ORDERLY VISA PROCESS.

4. REALIZE LIMITS TO WHAT WE CAN DO HELP TRINH AND RELATIVES GAIN PLACES IN ANY USG EVACUATION SCHEME, AND I KNOW YOU AND BOB CARROLL WILL DO WHATEVER YOU CAN DO TO GET THEIR NAMES ON LIST, IF THAT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE. PLEASE ADD MY NAME IN SUPPORT. TRINH IS CERTAINLY ONE OF MOST VULNERABLE FORMER CITIZENS OF DANANG. REALIZE ALL THIS MAY BE OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS BUT WOULD YOU PLEASE TELEPHONE MRS CASTLETON, SAY I HAVE HER LETTER AND WILL SUPPORT AS BEST I CAN, AND EXPLAIN WHAT SHE MUST ALREADY KNOW, NAMELY, THAT THERE IS NOT MUCH HOPE.

5. IF TRINH AND FAMILY DO MANAGE TO GET OUT, AM READY TO HELP. TRINH MUST HAVE OVERSEAS ASSETS, SO PERHAPS MONEY WOULD NOT BE MAIN PROBLEM. ALSO, HE HAS DAUGHTERS IN JAPAN, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, AND I BELIEVE FRANCE OR GERMANY. THUS I WOULD PREFER TO USE MY RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE IN BUCKY AND LIEU CATEGORY. WILL RELY ON YOUR ADVICE.

6. PLEASE ADVISE.
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